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## AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 22a-174 of the general statutes, as amended by
- 2 sections 125 and 126 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is
- 3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 4 passage):
- 5 (a) The commissioner, in the manner provided in subdivision (1) of
- 6 section 22a-6, as amended by this act, shall have the power to
- 7 formulate, adopt, amend and repeal regulations to control and prohibit
- 8 air pollution throughout the state or in such areas of the state as are
- affected thereby, which regulations shall be consistent with the federal
- 10 Air Pollution Control Act and which qualify the state and its
- 11 municipalities for available federal grants. Any person heard at the
- 12 public hearing on any such regulation shall be given written notice of
- 13 the determination of the commissioner.
- 14 (b) The commissioner shall have the power to employ technical
- 15 consultants for special studies, advice and assistance; to consult with

and advise and exchange information with other departments or agencies of the state.

(c) The commissioner shall have the power, in accordance with regulations adopted by him, (1) to require that a person, before undertaking the construction, installation, enlargement establishment of a new air contaminant source specified in the regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section, submit to him plans, specifications and such information as he deems reasonably necessary relating to the construction, installation, enlargement, or establishment of such new air contaminant source; (2) to issue a permit approving such plans and specifications and permitting the construction, installation, enlargement or establishment of the new air contaminant source in accordance with such plans, or to issue an order requiring that such plans and specifications be modified as a condition to his approving them and issuing a permit allowing such construction, installation, enlargement or establishment in accordance therewith, or to issue an order rejecting such plans and specifications prohibiting construction, installation, enlargement establishment of a new air contaminant source in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted; (3) to require periodic inspection and maintenance of combustion equipment and other sources of air pollution; (4) to require any person to maintain such records relating to air pollution or to the operation of facilities designed to abate air pollution as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter and section 14-164c, as amended; (5) to require that a person in control of an air contaminant source specified in the regulations adopted under subsection (a), obtain a permit to operate such source if the source (A) is subject to any regulations adopted by the commissioner concerning high risk hazardous air pollutants, (B) burns waste oil, (C) is allowed by the commissioner, pursuant to regulations adopted under subsection (a), to exceed emission limits for sulfur compounds, (D) is issued an order pursuant to section 22a-178, as amended by this act, or (E) violates any provision of this chapter, or any regulation, order or permit adopted or issued thereunder; (6) to

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50 require that a person in control of an air contaminant source who is not 51 required to obtain a permit pursuant to this subsection register with 52 him and provide such information as he deems necessary to maintain 53 his inventory of air pollution sources and the commissioner may 54 require renewal of such registration at intervals he deems necessary to 55 maintain such inventory; (7) to require a permit for any source 56 regulated under the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, P.L. 57 101-549; (8) to refuse to issue a permit if the Environmental Protection 58 Agency objects to its issuance in a timely manner under Title V of the 59 federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and (9) notwithstanding 60 any regulation adopted under this chapter, to require that any source 61 permitted under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 62 1990 shall comply with all applicable standards set forth in the Code of 63 Federal Regulations, Title 40, Parts 51, 52, 59, 60, 61, 63, 68, 70, 72 to 78, 64 inclusive, and 82, as amended from time to time.

- (d) The commissioner shall have all incidental powers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and section 14-164c, as amended.
- (e) As used in this subsection, "contiguous" means abutting or adjoining without consideration of the actual or projected existence of roadways, walkways, plazas, parks or other minor intervening features; "indirect source" means any building, structure, facility, installation or combination thereof, that has or leads to associated activity as a result of which any air pollutant is or may be emitted. The commissioner shall not require the submission of plans and specifications under indirect source regulations adopted pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (c) of this section for proposed construction to be undertaken within a redevelopment area or urban renewal project, as defined in chapter 130, provided (1) the proposed construction is pursuant to a plan for such redevelopment area or urban renewal project adopted pursuant to section 8-127 prior to October 1, 1974, or to a modification of such plan, (2) the proposed construction is part of a contiguous, single purpose or multipurpose development or developments and (3) site clearance or construction

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had commenced on a portion of the site of such development or developments prior to October 1, 1974, nor shall the commissioner issue any order pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section pertaining to the enforcement of indirect source regulations with respect to such proposed construction within such redevelopment areas and urban renewal projects. In the event that the modification of any such plan after October 1, 1974, would result in the proposed construction generating substantially more motor vehicle traffic than would have been generated prior to such modification, the submission of plans and specifications shall be required for such proposed modification. The commissioner shall not require the renewal of an indirect source operating permit issued in accordance with subsection (c) of this section unless such indirect source no longer conforms with plans, specifications or other information submitted to said commissioner in accordance with said subsection (c).

(f) The commissioner shall allow the open burning of brush on residential property, provided the burning is conducted by the resident of the property or the agent of the resident and a permit for such burning is obtained from the local open burning official of the municipality in which the property is located, and the open burning of brush in municipal landfills, transfer stations and municipal recycling centers, provided a permit for such burning is obtained from the fire marshal of the municipality where the facility is located, except that no open burning of brush shall occur (1) when national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded; (2) where a hazardous health condition might be created; (3) when the forest fire danger in the area is identified by the commissioner as extreme and where woodland or grass land is within one hundred feet of the proposed burn; (4) where there is an advisory from the commissioner of any air pollution episode; (5) where prohibited by an ordinance of the municipality; and (6) in the case of a municipal landfill, when such landfill is within an area designated as a hot spot on the open burning map prepared by the commissioner. A permit for the burning of brush at any municipal landfill, municipal transfer station or municipal recycling center shall

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be issued no more than six times in any calendar year. The proposed permit to burn brush at any municipal landfill, municipal transfer station or municipal recycling center shall be submitted to the commissioner by the fire marshal, with the approval of the chief elected official of the municipality in which the municipal landfill, municipal transfer station or municipal recycling center is located. The commissioner shall approve or disapprove the fire marshal's proposed permitting of burning of brush at a municipal landfill, municipal transfer station or municipal recycling center within a reasonable time of the filing of such application. The burning of leaves, demolition waste or other solid waste deposited in such landfill shall be prohibited. The burning of nonprocessed wood for campfires and bonfires is not prohibited if the burning is conducted so as not to create a nuisance and in accordance with any restrictions imposed on such burning. Nothing in this subsection or in any regulation adopted pursuant to this subsection shall affect the power of any municipality to regulate or ban the open burning of brush within its boundaries for any purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, fire breaks for the purpose of controlling forest fires and controlled fires in salt water marshes to forestall uncontrolled fires are not prohibited. Open burning may be engaged in for any of the following purposes if the open burning official with jurisdiction over the area where the burning will occur issues an open burning permit: Fire-training exercises; eradication or control of insect infestations or disease; agricultural purposes; clearing vegetative debris following a natural disaster; and vegetative management or enhancement of wildlife habitat or ecological sustainability on municipal property or on any privately owned property permanently dedicated as open space. Open burning for such purposes on state property may be engaged in with the written approval of the commissioner. Local burning officials nominated for the purposes of this subsection shall be nominated only by the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the official will serve and shall be certified by the commissioner. The chief executive officer may revoke the nomination. The commissioner may

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adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing open burning and may authorize or prohibit open burning consistent with this section. The regulations may require the payment of an application fee and inspection fee and may establish a certification procedure for local burning officials.

- (g) The commissioner shall require, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, the payment of a permit application fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of reviewing and acting upon an application for, and monitoring compliance with the terms and conditions of, any state or federal permit, license, order, certificate or approval required pursuant to this section. Any person obtaining a permit, pursuant to said regulations, for the construction or operation of a source of air pollution or for modification to an existing source of air pollution shall submit a permit fee of twice the amount of the fee established by regulations in effect on July 1, 1990. The commissioner shall require the payment of a permit application fee of two hundred dollars.
- (h) The commissioner may require, by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, payment of a fee by the owner or operator of a source of air pollution, sufficient to cover the reasonable cost of a visual test of an air pollution control device through the use of a dust compound in the detection of leaks in such device, or the monitoring of such test, provided such fee may not exceed the average cost to the department for the conduct or monitoring of such tests plus ten per cent of such average cost. Except as specified in section 22a-27g, as amended by this act, all payments received by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the General Fund and credited to the appropriations of the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the provisions of section 4-86.
- 181 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (g) and (h) of this 182 section, no municipality shall be required to pay more than fifty per

- cent of any fee established by the commissioner pursuant to said subsections.
- [(j) Each source of air pollution shall register with the commissioner biennially. Such registration shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred fifty dollars, provided no premise shall pay a registration fee exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars.]
- [(k)] (j) Fees or increased fees prescribed by this section shall not be applicable to residential property.
- 191 [(l)] (k) (1) The commissioner may issue a general permit with 192 respect to a category of new or existing stationary air pollution 193 sources, except with respect to a source which is already covered by an 194 individual permit, provided the general permit is not inconsistent with 195 the federal Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, 42 USC, Sections 7401 et 196 seq., and as it may be further amended from time to time. Any person 197 conducting an activity for which a general permit has been issued shall 198 not be required to obtain an individual permit under this section, 199 except as provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection. The general 200 permit may regulate a category of sources which, whether or not 201 requiring a permit under the federal Clean Air Act, (A) involve the 202 same or substantially similar types of operations or substances, (B) 203 require the same types of pollution control equipment or other 204 operating conditions, standards or limitations, and (C) require the 205 same or similar monitoring, and which, in the opinion of the 206 commissioner, are more appropriately controlled under a general 207 permit than under an individual permit. The general permit may 208 require that any person proposing to conduct any activity under the 209 general permit register such activity, including obtaining approval 210 from the commissioner, before the general permit becomes effective as 211 to such activity, and may include such other conditions as the 212 commissioner deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, 213 management practices and verification and reporting requirements. 214 Any such reports shall be made available to the public by the

215 commissioner. The commissioner shall grant an application for 216 approval under a general permit without repeating the notice and 217 comment procedures provided under subdivision (2) of this 218 subsection, and such a grant shall not be subject to judicial review 219 under subdivision (4) of this subsection. Registrations and applications 220 for approval under the general permit shall be submitted on forms 221 prescribed by the commissioner; application forms concerning 222 activities regulated under the federal Clean Air Act shall require that 223 the applicant provide such information as may be required by that act. 224 The commissioner shall prepare, and annually amend, a list of holders 225 of general permits under this section, which list shall be made 226 available to the public.

(2) Notwithstanding any other procedures in this chapter, any regulations adopted thereunder, and chapter 54, the commissioner may issue a general permit in accordance with the following procedures: (A) The commissioner shall publish in a newspaper, having a substantial circulation in the affected area or areas, notice of (i) intent to issue a general permit, (ii) the right to inspect the proposed general permit, (iii) the opportunity to submit written comments thereon, and (iv) the right to a public hearing if, within the comment period, the commissioner receives a petition signed by at least twentyfive persons provided the notice shall state that the right to a public hearing may be exercised upon request of any person if the permit regulates an activity which is subject to provisions of the federal Clean Air Act; (B) the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any states affected by the general permit shall be given notice as may be required by the federal Clean Air Act; (C) the commissioner shall allow a comment period of thirty days following publication of notice under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision during which interested persons may submit written comments concerning the permit to the commissioner; (D) the commissioner shall not issue the general permit until after the comment period and the public hearing, if one is held; (E) the commissioner shall publish notice of any general permit issued in a

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- newspaper having a substantial circulation in the affected area or areas; and (F) summary suspension may be ordered in accordance with subsection (c) of section 4-182. Any person may request that the commissioner issue, modify, revoke or suspend a general permit in accordance with this subsection.
- (3) Any general permit under this subsection shall be issued for a fixed term. A general permit covering an activity regulated under the federal Clean Air Act shall be issued for a term of no more than five years. A general permit covering an activity regulated under the federal Clean Air Act shall contain such additional conditions as may be required by that act.
  - (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and chapter 54, with respect to a general permit concerning activities regulated under the federal Clean Air Act, any person who submitted timely comments thereon may appeal the issuance of such permit to the superior court in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183. Such appeal shall have precedence in the order of trial as provided in section 52-192.
  - (5) Subsequent to the issuance of a general permit, the commissioner may require a person whose activity is or may be covered by the general permit to apply for and obtain an individual permit pursuant to this chapter if he determines that an individual permit would better protect the land, air and waters of the state from pollution. The commissioner may require an individual permit under this subdivision in cases including, but not limited to, the following: (A) The permittee is not in compliance with the conditions of the general permit; (B) a change has occurred in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollution applicable to the permitted activity; (C) circumstances have changed since the time the general permit was issued so that the permitted activity is no longer appropriately controlled under the general permit, or a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted activity is

necessary; or (D) a relevant change has occurred in the applicability of the federal Clean Air Act. In making the determination to require an individual permit, the commissioner may consider the location, character and size of the source and any other relevant factors. The commissioner may require an individual permit under this subdivision only if the person whose activity is covered by the general permit has been notified in writing that an individual permit is required. The notice shall include a brief statement of the reasons for requiring an individual permit, an application form, a statement setting a time for the person to file the application and a statement that the general permit as it applies to such person shall automatically terminate on the effective date of the individual permit. Such person shall forthwith apply for, and use best efforts to obtain, the individual permit. Any person may petition the commissioner to take action under this subdivision.

- (6) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
- [(m)] (1) In any proceeding on an application for a permit which is required under 42 USC 7661a, the applicant, and any other person entitled under said section to obtain judicial review of the commissioner's final action on such application may appeal such action in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.
- [(n)] (m) The commissioner shall not issue a permit for an asphalt batch plant or continuous mix facility under the provisions of this section until July 1, 2004, unless the commissioner determines that the issuance of the permit will result in an improvement of environmental performance of an existing asphalt batch plant or continuous mix plant. The provisions of this section shall apply to any application pending on May 5, 1998. Nothing in this section shall apply to applications for upgrading, replacing, consolidating or otherwise altering the physical plant of an existing facility provided such upgrade, replacement, consolidation or alteration results in an

- 313 improvement of environmental performance or in reduced total 314 emissions of air pollutants.
- 315 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 22a-178 of the general statutes is 316 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from 317 passage):
- 318 (g) When an order issued by the commissioner to any person 319 pursuant to this chapter becomes final, [the commissioner shall cause] 320 except for an order to create or use emission reduction credits, the 321 respondent of such order shall file a certified copy or notice of the final 322 order [to be filed] on the land records in the town [wherein the land] 323 where the subject property is located, and such certified copy or notice 324 shall constitute a notice to the owner's heirs, successors and assigns. 325 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, where the 326 respondent of a final order does not own the subject property, the 327 commissioner shall record notice of such order on the land records in 328 the town where the subject property is located. When the order has 329 been fully complied with or revoked, the commissioner shall issue a 330 certificate showing such compliance or revocation, which certificate 331 the [commissioner shall cause to be recorded] recipient of such 332 certificate shall record, on the land records in the town wherein the 333 order was previously recorded. Notwithstanding the provisions of this 334 subsection, where the recipient of such certificate does not own the 335 subject property, the commissioner shall record such certificate on the 336 land records in the town where the subject property is located. A 337 person filing a notice, a final order or a certificate pursuant to this 338 subsection shall submit to the commissioner a certified copy of the 339 filing indicating the volume and page number upon which the notice, 340 final order or certificate is filed.
- 341 Sec. 3. Section 22a-186 of the general statutes is repealed and the 342 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 343 No person required by the provisions of section 22a-174, as 344 amended by this act, to obtain a [construction] permit [and an

345 operating permit] for the construction and operation of an air 346 contaminant source, including, but not limited to, a fume incinerator, 347 shall [use a construction permit for the operation of] construct and 348 operate such source, except as authorized by the Commissioner of 349 Environmental Protection. Any use or operation of such source not 350 authorized by the commissioner shall be cause for the commissioner to 351 [deny the issuance of an operating] revoke the subject permit. [to such 352 person for such source.] The commissioner, as he deems necessary, 353 may require an emission test of the source [before issuance of an 354 operating as a condition of such permit. The results of any such test 355 shall be sent to the legislative body of the municipality in which the 356 source is located upon request of such legislative body. The 357 commissioner may require, by regulations adopted in accordance with 358 the provisions of chapter 54, payment of a fee by the owner or operator 359 of an air contaminant source sufficient to cover the reasonable cost to 360 the Department of Environmental Protection of conducting or 361 monitoring an emission test required pursuant to this section or 362 section 22a-174, as amended by this act. [Any] The commissioner may 363 revoke the permit of any person who violates any regulation adopted 364 by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-174, as amended by this 365 <u>act.</u> [may have his operating permit revoked.]

- Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 22a-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 369 (a) Any person who knowingly or negligently violates any 370 provision of section 14-100b or 14-164c, as amended, subdivision (3) of 371 subsection (b) of section 15-121, section 15-171, 15-172, 15-175, 22a-5, 372 22a-6, as amended by this act, or 22a-7, chapter 440, chapter 441, 373 [section 22a-69 or 22a-74,] subsection (b) of section 22a-134p, section 374 22a-162, 22a-171, 22a-174, as amended by this act, 22a-175, 22a-177, 375 22a-178, 22a-181, 22a-183, 22a-184, 22a-190, 22a-208, 22a-208a, 22a-209, 376 22a-213, 22a-220, 22a-225, 22a-231, 22a-336, 22a-342, as amended, 22a-

345, 22a-346, 22a-347, 22a-349a, 22a-358, 22a-359, 22a-361, as amended,

378 22a-362, 22a-365 to 22a-379, inclusive, as amended, 22a-401 to 22a-411, 379 inclusive, 22a-416, 22a-417, 22a-424 to 22a-433, inclusive, 22a-447, 22a-380 449, as amended, 22a-450, 22a-451, 22a-454, as amended, 22a-458, 22a-381 461, 22a-462 or 22a-471, or any regulation, order or permit adopted or 382 issued thereunder by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection 383 shall be liable to the state for the reasonable costs and expenses of the 384 state in detecting, investigating, controlling and abating such violation. 385 Such person shall also be liable to the state for the reasonable costs and 386 expenses of the state in restoring the air, waters, lands and other 387 natural resources of the state, including plant, wild animal and aquatic 388 life to their former condition insofar as practicable and reasonable, or, 389 if restoration is not practicable or reasonable, for any damage, 390 temporary or permanent, caused by such violation to the air, waters, 391 lands or other natural resources of the state, including plant, wild 392 animal and aquatic life and to the public trust therein. Institution of a 393 suit to recover for such damage, costs and expenses shall not preclude 394 the application of any other remedies.

- Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 22a-6b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 398 (2) For deposit, placement, removal, disposal, discharge or emission of any material or substance or electromagnetic radiation or the 399 400 causing of, engaging in or maintaining of any condition or activity in 401 violation of any provision of section 14-100b or 14-164c, as amended, 402 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 15-121, section 15-171, 15-403 172, 15-175, 22a-5, 22a-6, as amended by this act, 22a-7, 22a-32, 22a-39 404 or 22a-42a, as amended, 22a-45a, chapter 441, sections 22a-134 to 22a-405 134d, inclusive, as amended, [section 22a-69 or 22a-74,] subsection (b) 406 of section 22a-134p, section 22a-162, 22a-171, 22a-174, as amended by 407 this act, 22a-175, 22a-177, 22a-178, 22a-181, 22a-183, 22a-184, 22a-190, 408 22a-208, 22a-208a, 22a-209, 22a-213, 22a-220, 22a-336, 22a-342, as 409 amended, 22a-345, 22a-346, 22a-347, 22a-349a, 22a-354p, 22a-358, 22a-410 359, 22a-361, as amended, 22a-362, 22a-368, 22a-401 to 22a-405,

- inclusive, 22a-411, 22a-416, 22a-417, 22a-424 to 22a-433, inclusive, 22a-447, 22a-449, as amended, 22a-450, 22a-451, 22a-454, as amended, 22a-458, 22a-461, 22a-462 or 22a-471, or any regulation, order or permit adopted thereunder by the commissioner, and for other violations of similar character as set forth in such schedule or schedules, no more
- 416 than twenty-five thousand dollars for said violation for each day
- 417 during which such violation continues.
- Sec. 6. Section 22a-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 420 [(a)] The commissioner may [develop, adopt, maintain and enforce a 421 comprehensive state-wide program of noise regulation] provide 422 technical assistance to any local government in the form of a model 423 noise control ordinance which may include, but [need] not be limited 424 to the following: (1) Controls on environmental noise through the 425 regulation and restriction of the use and operation of any stationary 426 noise source; (2) ambient noise standards for stationary noise sources 427 [which in the commissioner's judgment] that are major sources of noise 428 when measured from beyond the property line of such source and 429 such standards shall be feasible and requisite to protect the public 430 health, safety and welfare; such standards may include, but need not 431 be limited to, adoption by reference of standards or regulations 432 adopted by the administrator of the United States Environmental 433 Protection Agency pursuant to the Noise Control Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-434 574) or any amendment thereto; [(3) consultation with state and local 435 governmental agencies when such agencies adopt and enforce codes, 436 standards and regulations dealing with noise insulation and abatement 437 for any occupancy or class of occupancy; (4)] (3) controls on airport 438 and aircraft noise to the extent not preempted by federal law. [; nor 439 shall the state preempt power of local governments, in their capacity as 440 proprietors of airports or under police powers.]
- [(b) (1) Any regulation promulgated pursuant to this chapter shall be adopted pursuant to chapter 54 and shall be one which, in the

- judgment of the commissioner, is requisite to protect the public health, safety and welfare, taking into account the magnitude and conditions of use or operation of the stationary noise source involved, alone or in combination with other such sources, the degree of noise reduction achievable through the application of the best available and practical technology, taking into consideration technology which may be available at the time the regulation becomes effective.
  - (2) Regulations promulgated pursuant to the authority of this chapter may be applicable throughout the state or to such parts or regions thereof specifically designated in such regulations.
  - (3) The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for the granting of individual variances from the provisions of this chapter, whenever it is found, upon presentation by the petitioner of adequate proof, that compliance with any provision of this chapter, any regulation promulgated under it or an order of the commissioner would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship.]
- Sec. 7. Section 22a-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) State agencies shall, to the fullest extent consistent with their authorities under state law administered by them, carry out the programs within their control in such a manner as to further the policy stated in section 22a-67.
- [(b) State agencies shall cooperate with the commissioner in a state program of noise regulation developed and maintained under this chapter.]
- [(c)] (b) Each department, agency or instrumentality of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government of this state, (1) having jurisdiction over any property or facility, or (2) engaged in any activity resulting, or which may result in the emission of noise, shall comply with federal, [and] state and local requirements

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- [(d)] (c) Each state agency shall consult with the commissioner in prescribing standards or regulations respecting noise. If at any time the commissioner has reason to believe that a standard or regulation or any proposed standard or regulation, of any agency respecting noise does not protect the public health and welfare to the extent he believes to be required and feasible, he may request such agency to review and report to him on the advisability of revising such standard or regulation to provide such protection. Such agency shall complete the requested review and report to the commissioner within such time as the commissioner specifies, but such time specified may not be less than forty-five days from the date the request was made.
- Sec. 8. Section 22a-73 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) To carry out and effectuate the purposes and policies of this chapter it is the public policy of the state to encourage [municipal participation by means of regulation of] <u>local government to control and regulate</u> activities causing noise pollution within the territorial limits of the various [municipalities] <u>local governments</u>. To that end, any [municipality] <u>local government</u> may develop and establish a comprehensive program of noise regulation. Such program may include a study of the noise problems resulting from uses and activities within its jurisdiction and its development and adoption of a noise control ordinance.
  - (b) Any municipality may adopt, amend and enforce a noise control ordinance which may include the following: (1) Noise levels which will not be exceeded in specified zones or other designated areas; (2) designation of a noise control officer and the designation of an existing board or commission, or the establishment of a new board or commission to direct such program; (3) implementation procedures of such program and the relation of such program to other plans within the jurisdiction of the [municipality] <u>local government</u>; (4) procedures

- for assuring compliance with [state and federal] <u>all applicable</u> noise regulations; (5) noise level restrictions applicable to construction activities, including limitation on on-site hours of operation.
- [(c) No ordinance shall be effective until such ordinance has been approved by the commissioner. No ordinance shall be approved unless it is in conformity with any state noise control plan, including
- 511 (c) A noise control ordinance of a local government shall be 512 consistent with ambient noise standards [, adopted pursuant to section 513 22a-69 or any standards] or regulations adopted by the administrator 514 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the 515 Noise Control Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-574) or any amendment thereto. 516 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any [municipality] 517 local government may adopt more stringent noise standards than 518 those adopted by the [commissioner, provided such standards are 519 approved by the commissioner administrator of the United States 520 Environmental Protection Agency.
- Sec. 9. Section 22a-371 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
  - (a) [Within one hundred twenty days of] After receipt of an application for a permit, the commissioner shall determine if there is any additional information that he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 22a-365 to 22a-378, inclusive. The applicant shall provide such information to the commissioner upon request. [or may request that the application be deemed complete as is.]
  - [(b) If the applicant does not furnish the requested information, the commissioner shall publish notice of his tentative determination on the application in accordance with section 22a-6h and shall hold or waive a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section.]
- [(c)] (b) If the commissioner finds that an application is complete, he

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The commissioner shall also notify the applicant of the time, date and

location of any public hearing to be held on the application.

[(d)] (c) Upon notifying the applicant in accordance with subsection [(c)] (b) of this section that the application is complete, the commissioner shall immediately provide notice of the application and a concise description of the proposed diversion to the Governor, the Attorney General, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Public Health and Economic and Community Development, the chairperson of the Public Utility Control Authority, chief executive officer and chairmen of the conservation commission and wetlands agency of the municipality or municipalities in which the proposed diversion will take place or have effect, and to any person who has requested notice of such activities.

[(e)] (d) As used in this section, "municipality" means a city, town or borough of the state.

[(f)] (e) The commissioner shall hold a public hearing before approving or denying an application, except that, when the commissioner determines that the proposed diversion (1) is necessary, (2) will not significantly affect long-range water resource management or the environment, and (3) will not impair proper management and use of the water resources of the state, he may waive the requirement for a hearing after publishing notice of his tentative decision regarding the application and of his intent to waive the requirement for a hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the area where the proposed diversion will take place or have effect; provided the commissioner shall hold a hearing upon receipt, within thirty days after such notice is published or mailed, of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. If a hearing is to be held, the commissioner, at the applicant's expense, shall (A) cause notice of the time, date and location of the commencement of the hearing, a concise description of

- 567 diversion, and the commissioner's the proposed tentative 568 determination regarding the application to be published [at least twice 569 at intervals of not less than two days and not less than [twenty] thirty 570 days prior to the commencement of the hearing in a newspaper having 571 a general circulation in the area where the proposed diversion will take 572 place or have effect, and (B) provide the same notice to the officials 573 listed in subsection [(d)] (c) of this section not less than [twenty] thirty 574 days prior to the commencement of the hearing.
- 575 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 22a-372 of the general statutes is 576 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (c) The parties to the proceedings shall include: (1) The applicant; (2) each person receiving notice pursuant to subsection [(d)] (c) of section 22a-371, as amended by this act, and (3) such other persons or municipalities as the commissioner or the commissioner's designated hearing officer may deem appropriate at any time prior to the close of the hearing.
- Sec. 11. Section 22a-374 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Any person or municipality aggrieved by the decision of the commissioner made pursuant to section 22a-373 [or the return of an application by the commissioner as incomplete pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 22a-371,] may appeal to the Superior Court pursuant to the provisions of section 4-183, except that the appeal shall be instituted by filing a petition in the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (f) of section 22a-430 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from* passage):
- 596 (f) The commissioner may, by regulation, establish and define

categories of discharges, including but not limited to, residential swimming pools, small community sewerage systems, household and small commercial disposal systems and clean water discharges, for which he may delegate authority to any other state agency, water pollution control authority, municipal building official or municipal or district director of health to issue permits or approvals in accordance with this section or to issue orders pursuant to sections 22a-428, 22a-431, 22a-432 and 22a-436. In establishing such categories the commissioner shall consider (1) whether each discharge in such category, because of size and character, is likely to cause significant pollution to the waters of the state; (2) whether knowledge and training concerning disposal systems for each discharge in such category is within the expertise of such agency, authority, official or director; (3) whether the source of each discharge in such category is likely to be within the jurisdiction of such agency, authority, official or director for other matters. The commissioner shall establish, by regulation, minimum requirements for disposal systems for discharges in such categories. Any permit denied or order issued by any such agency, authority, official or director shall be subject to hearing and appeal in the manner provided in sections 22a-436 and 22a-437, provided such agency, authority, official or director has been duly delegated authority by the commissioner pursuant to this subsection. Any permit granted by any such agency, authority, official or director to which the commissioner has delegated authority pursuant to this subsection shall thereafter be deemed equivalent to a permit issued under subsection (b) of this section.

- Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 7-247 of the general statutes, as amended by section 142 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage* ):
- (a) Any municipality by its water pollution control authority may acquire, construct and operate a sewerage system or systems; may enter upon and take and hold by purchase, condemnation or otherwise

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the whole or any part of any real property or interest therein which it determines is necessary or desirable for use in connection with any sewerage system; may establish and revise rules and regulations for the supervision, management, control, operation and use of a sewerage system, including rules and regulations prohibiting or regulating the discharge into a sewerage system of any sewage or any stormwater runoff which in the opinion of the water pollution control authority will adversely affect any part or any process of the sewerage system except that any such rule or regulation regarding decentralized systems shall be approved by the local director of health before such rule or regulation may be effective; may enter into and fulfill contracts, including contracts for a term of years, with any person or any other municipality or municipalities to provide or obtain sewerage system service for any sewage, and may make arrangements for the provision or exchange of staff services and equipment with any person or any other municipality or municipalities, or for any other lawful services. The water pollution control authority of any municipality planning to acquire, construct or operate a new or additional sewerage system shall consider the feasibility of using the sewage collected by such system as an energy source for the generation of electricity or the production of other energy sources. The water pollution control authority may establish rules for the transaction of its business. It shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall designate an officer or employee to be the custodian of its books, papers and documents. No person shall have a right to a hearing or an appeal in the manner provided in sections 22a-436 and 22a-437 from a decision of a water pollution control authority to deny a permit or issue an order unless such water pollution control authority was delegated authority by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-430, as amended by this act, to make the decision that is the subject of such hearing or appeal.

Sec. 14. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 22a-524 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- 663 (2) Not later than July thirty-first, annually, each publicly-owned 664 treatment works shall purchase equivalent nitro4gen credits necessary to meet its nitrogen limits. Such purchase shall be paid by [certified bank] check, or money order or other form of payment acceptable to the Treasurer made payable to the "nitrogen credit exchange program". The check, or money order or other such form of payment shall state 669 on its face "nitrogen credit purchase".
- 670 Sec. 15. Subsection (c) of section 22a-315 of the general statutes is 671 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from 672 passage):
- 673 (c) The commissioner may, by regulation, adopted pursuant to 674 chapter 54, establish a council to coordinate the activities of such 675 boards of such districts with the activities of the Department of 676 Environmental Protection and other state, regional and local agencies 677 and propose regulations to said department in matters of soil and 678 water erosion [control] conservation and to advise and assist the 679 commissioner in conserving and protecting the land, water and other 680 natural resources of the state. The council shall be within the 681 Department of Environmental Protection for administrative purposes 682 only. Such council shall consist of nine members, five representing the 683 soil and water conservation districts to be selected by [the boards of 684 said district, one representing the state Agricultural Stabilization and 685 Conservation Committee, one representing the state Extension 686 Advisory Council, and the Commissioners of Environmental 687 Protection and Agriculture or their designees. One of the 688 representatives of the soil and water conservation districts shall be a 689 full-time farmer. The following shall be ex-officio members of the 690 council: The State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, the 691 director of the State Extension Service, the executive director of the 692 Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Director of the 693 Farmers' Home Administration, the director of the Connecticut 694 Agricultural Experiment Station, the director of the Storrs Agricultural 695 Experiment Station and the area director of the United States Forest

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Servicel each of the five districts' boards, the Commissioner of 696 697 Environmental protection or a designee, the Commissioner of 698 Agriculture, or a designee, a representative of a nongovernmental 699 organization appointed by the Governor and a representative of The 700 University of Connecticut's cooperative extension system. In addition, 701 the council shall include, but not be limited to, the following at-large 702 nonvoting members: The State Conservationist or designee of the 703 Natural Resource Conservation Service, the director of the Connecticut 704 Agricultural Experiment Station or a designee, the director of the 705 Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station or a designee, municipal staff 706 representatives responsible for erosion and sedimentation control, the 707 State Committee Chairman of the Farm Services Agency and a council 708 member of a Resource Conservation and Development area. The 709 commissioner shall have the authority to receive funds from any 710 source on behalf of the council and shall expend such funds with the 711 advice and consent of the council for equipment, supplies, and such 712 full-time and part-time staff and consultants as may be necessary to 713 carry out the council's duties and any other at-large, nonvoting 714 members who have expertise to support the duties of the council.

Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 22a-617 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Not later than July 1, 2003, the commissioner shall convene a working group which shall include, but not be limited to, government representatives from other northeastern states to (1) evaluate advances in technology and make recommendations regarding the regulation of mercury-added products that have a mercury content in excess of ten milligrams or ten parts per million but less than one hundred milligrams or fifty parts per million and specialized lighting used in the entertainment industry such as metal halide lights, and (2) evaluate the uses of lamps that have a mercury content of not less than one hundred milligrams and alternatives to such lamps and make recommendations regarding the regulation of lamps that have a

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729 mercury content of not less than one hundred milligrams. Within such 730 working group, the commissioner shall convene a subgroup which 731 shall include, but not be limited to, industry trade groups for mercury-732 containing lamps to develop a plan in accordance with section 22a-620, 733 as amended, to provide for the collection of such lamps. The working 734 group shall finalize [such] its recommendations regarding subdivision 735 of this subsection and the subgroup shall finalize its 736 recommendations not later than July 1, 2004. The working group shall 737 finalize its recommendations regarding subdivision (2) of this 738 subsection not later than July 1, 2005.

Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 14-49b of the general statutes, as amended by section 150 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the commissioner a fee of ten dollars for registration for a biennial period and five dollars for registration for an annual period, except that any individual who is sixty-five years of age or older on or after January 1, 1994, may, at the discretion of such individual, pay the fee for either a one-year or two-year period. The provisions of this section shall not apply with respect to any motor vehicle which is not self-propelled, which is electrically powered, or which is exempted from payment of a registration fee. This fee may be identified as the "federal Clean Air Act fee" on any registration form provided by the commissioner. Payments collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited as follows: (1) Fifty-seven and one-half per cent of such payments collected shall be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund established pursuant to section 13b-68, as amended, and (2) forty-two and one-half per cent of such payments collected shall be deposited in a treasurer's account and credited to a separate, nonlapsing federal Clean Air Act account which shall be established by the Comptroller

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762 within the General Fund. The federal Clean Air Act account may be 763 used to pay any costs to state agencies of implementing the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 that are not otherwise met by the fees collected pursuant to section [22a-766 174a] 22a-174, as amended by this act, and any funds transferred to the 767 account pursuant to section 22a-27m, as amended, may additionally be 768 used by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to carry out 769 the provisions of chapter 446c. All moneys deposited in this account 770 are deemed to be appropriated for this purpose. The fee required by 771 this section is in addition to any other fees prescribed by any other 772 provision of this title for the registration of a motor vehicle.

Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 22a-6 of the general statutes, as amended by section 151 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The commissioner may: (1) Adopt, amend or repeal, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, such environmental standards, criteria and regulations, and such procedural regulations as are necessary and proper to carry out his functions, powers and duties; (2) enter into contracts with any person, firm, corporation or association to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the functions, powers and duties of the department; (3) initiate and receive complaints as to any actual or suspected violation of any statute, regulation, permit or order administered, adopted or issued by him. The commissioner shall have the power to hold hearings, administer oaths, take testimony and subpoena witnesses and evidence, enter orders and institute legal proceedings including, but not limited to, suits for injunctions, for the enforcement of any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or issued by him; (4) in accordance with regulations adopted by him, require, issue, renew, revoke, modify or deny permits, under such conditions as he may prescribe, governing all sources of pollution in Connecticut within his jurisdiction; (5) in accordance with constitutional limitations, enter at

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all reasonable times, without liability, upon any public or private property, except a private residence, for the purpose of inspection and investigation to ascertain possible violations of any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or issued by him and the owner, managing agent or occupant of any such property shall permit such entry, and no action for trespass shall lie against the commissioner for such entry, or he may apply to any court having criminal jurisdiction for a warrant to inspect such premises to determine compliance with any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or enforced by him, provided any information relating to secret processes or methods of manufacture or production ascertained by the commissioner during, or as a result of, any inspection, investigation, hearing or otherwise shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed except that, notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 1-210, as amended, such information may be disclosed by the commissioner to the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act of 1976, (5 USC 552) and regulations adopted thereunder or, if such information is submitted after June 4, 1986, to any person pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251 et seq.); (6) undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses he may deem relevant, through the personnel of the department or in cooperation with any public or private agency, to accomplish the functions, powers and duties of the commissioner; (7) require the posting of sufficient performance bond or other security to assure compliance with any permit or order; (8) provide by notice printed on any form that any false statement made thereon or pursuant thereto is punishable as a criminal offense under section 53a-157b; (9) construct or repair or contract for the construction or repair of any dam or flood and erosion control system under his control and management, make or contract for the making of any alteration, repair or addition to any other real asset under his control and management, including rented or leased premises, involving an expenditure of five hundred thousand dollars or less, and, with prior approval of the

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829 Commissioner of Public Works, make or contract for the making of 830 any alteration, repair or addition to such other real asset under his 831 control and management involving an expenditure of more than five 832 hundred thousand dollars but not more than one million dollars; (10) by regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 833 834 require the payment of a fee sufficient to cover the reasonable cost of 835 the search, duplication and review of records requested under the 836 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and the 837 reasonable cost of reviewing and acting upon an application for and 838 monitoring compliance with the terms and conditions of any state or federal permit, license, registration, order, certificate or approval 839 840 required pursuant to subsection (i) of section 22a-39, subsections (c) 841 and (d) of section 22a-96, subsections (h), (i) and (k) of section 22a-424, 842 and sections 22a-6d, 22a-32, 22a-134a, as amended, 22a-134e, as 843 amended, 22a-135, as amended, 22a-148, as amended, 22a-150, as 844 amended, 22a-174, as amended by this act, [22a-174a,] 22a-208, 22a-845 208a, 22a-209, 22a-342, as amended, 22a-345, 22a-354i, 22a-361, as 846 amended, 22a-363c, as amended, 22a-368, 22a-372, as amended, 22a-847 379, as amended, 22a-403, 22a-409, as amended, 22a-416, 22a-428 to 848 22a-432, inclusive, 22a-449, as amended, and 22a-454 to 22a-454c, 849 inclusive, as amended, and Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 850 (33 USC 1341). Such costs may include, but are not limited to the costs 851 of (A) public notice, (B) reviews, inspections and testing incidental to 852 the issuance of and monitoring of compliance with such permits, 853 licenses, orders, certificates and approvals, and (C) surveying and 854 staking boundary lines. The applicant shall pay the fee established in 855 accordance with the provisions of this section prior to the final 856 decision of the commissioner on the application. The commissioner 857 may postpone review of an application until receipt of the payment. 858 Payment of a fee for monitoring compliance with the terms or 859 conditions of a permit shall be at such time as the commissioner deems 860 necessary and is required for an approval to remain valid; and (11) by 861 regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, 862 require the payment of a fee sufficient to cover the reasonable cost of

863 responding to requests for information concerning the status of real 864 estate with regard to compliance with environmental statutes, 865 regulations, permits or orders. Such fee shall be paid by the person 866 requesting such information at the time of the request. Funds not 867 thousand dollars received exceeding two hundred 868 commissioner pursuant to subsection (g) of section 22a-174, as 869 amended by this act, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, shall 870 be deposited in the General Fund and credited to the appropriations of 871 the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the 872 provisions of section 4-86, and such funds shall not lapse until June 30, 873 1986. In any action brought against any employee of the department 874 acting within his scope of delegated authority in performing any of the 875 above-listed duties, the employee shall be represented by the Attorney 876 General.

- Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 22a-27g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 880 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the 881 contrary,] on and after July 1, 1990, the amount of any fee received by 882 the Department of Environmental Protection which is attributable to 883 the provisions of sections 22a-6, as amended by this act, 22a-6d, 22a-884 27i, 22a-134e, <u>as amended</u>, 22a-135, <u>as amended</u>, 22a-148, <u>as amended</u>, 885 22a-150, as amended, 22a-174, as amended by this act, [22a-174a,] 22a-886 208a, 22a-342, as amended, 22a-363c, as amended, 22a-372, 887 amended, 22a-379, as amended, 22a-409, as amended, 22a-430, as 888 amended, 22a-449, as amended, 22a-454 to 22a-454c, inclusive, as 889 amended, and 22a-361, as amended, or any regulation adopted or 890 amended pursuant to section 22a-6, as amended by this act, or 891 pursuant to any other provision of this title, shall be deposited directly 892 into the Environmental Quality Fund established by subsection (a) of 893 this section and credited to the environmental quality account. The 894 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall annually certify to 895 the Treasurer, with respect to each such fee received on and after July

- 1, 1990, the amount of such fee which shall be credited to the General Fund.
- Sec. 20. Section 22a-27i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 900 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 22a-6, as amended by 901 this act, 22a-6d, 22a-26g, 22a-26h, 22a-134e, as amended, 22a-135, as 902 amended, 22a-148, as amended, 22a-150, as amended, 22a-174, as 903 amended by this act, [22a-174a,] 22a-208a, 22a-342, as amended, 22a-904 363c, as amended, 22a-372, as amended, 22a-379, as amended, 22a-409, 905 as amended, 22a-430, as amended, 22a-449, as amended, 22a-454 to 906 22a-454c, inclusive, as amended, and 22a-361, as amended, for the 907 period beginning July 1, 1990, and ending June 30, 1991, any fee to be 908 charged to a municipality in accordance with said sections shall be the 909 fee in effect on June 30, 1990.
- Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 22a-27m of the general statutes, as amended by section 149 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):
  - (a) There is established within the Environmental Quality Fund established under section 22a-27g an account to be known as the "air emissions permit operating fee account". Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22a-27g any moneys collected in accordance with section [22a-174a] 22a-174, as amended by this act, shall be deposited in the Environmental Quality Fund and credited to the air emissions permit operating fee account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The account shall be used by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for the purpose of covering the direct and indirect costs of administering the program set forth in Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.
- 926 Sec. 22. (Effective from passage) Sections 22a-70, 22a-71, 22a-74, 22a-75

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## Statement of Purpose:

To repeal duplicative statutory authority for the registration and permitting of sources of air pollution; to clarify the land record filing requirements for final orders and a certification of compliance or revocation issued pursuant to the air pollution control provisions and to exempt Trading Orders and Agreements from such land record filing requirements; to authorize a single permit for the construction and operation of a stationary source so as to avoid confusion with the operating permit program required by Title V of the 1990 federal Clean Air Act Amendments; to disinvest the Department of Environmental Protection from the noise pollution control program; to remove the requirement for a hearing following the rejection of a water diversion permit application for insufficiency and to replace dual public notice

requirements under the water diversion provision with a single public notice requirement; to clarify that an applicant to a state agency, water pollution control authority, municipal building official or municipal or district director of health for a permit for certain water discharges may not receive a hearing or appeal the decision unless such agency, authority, official or director has been delegated authority to issue such permit by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection; to allow municipalities to pay the state by means other than certified check when making payments for nitrogen credits; to redefine the duties of the Council on Soil and Water Conservation, to change the membership of such council and to add new at-large, nonvoting members to the council; and to require the current working group that is studying the regulation of certain mercury-added products to study the uses and the regulation of lamps that contain more than one hundred milligrams of mercury.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]